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## NOT ALL A DESERT

WORLD LEARNING TRUTH ABOUT  
THE SAHARA.

Water More Plentiful Than the Natives Will Admit—Explorer Found Many Lakes in One Part of the Country.

Propheying that the Sahara sand ocean will in time be completely changed into a fruitful territory, the journal of the Berlin Geological society, according to another German contemporary, goes on to say:

The Sahara rivers all hide a rich subterranean stratum of water, and form the natural passage of the Sudan, on which, with very little trouble, vegetation can be largely developed. In the south of Temassinim and in the Igharghars there are groves of tamarinds, gum trees, etc., two miles in length, scarcely separated by grassy and clover-covered plains. The rivers, which in spring are full of water, are from three to ten miles wide. When the water retreats the beds of the rivers are changed into rich meadows.

The date seed planted by travelers at El Biod have grown without the least care into fine trees, and the same is true for the seeds planted near the cisterns of Tebbabale, in spite of the inconsiderate manner in which the Tuargues get in the harvest. Trees are not so rare in the Sahara as is supposed. Natives will deceive travelers about the scarcity of water, when the truth is the wells are hidden, and the Tuargues, who serve as guides to caravans, always choose the most difficult and desolate routes, in order to keep the caravans in a state of dependency.

Caravans become more frequent; travelers succeed each other; but the secret of the Sahara is well kept and its reputation of barrenness is well preserved. For example, Oscar Lens crossed the Sahara and reached Timbuctoo without seeing anything but desert land, and yet he mentions that behind a chain of hills which he passed there was a place called by the natives "The Head of the Waters." Dr. Barth, who was for four months in Tuargue camps and was the guest and friend of Shiek el Babey, was told innumerable facts about the traditions and manners of the land, but its geography was hidden from him. When he explored the region of an arm of the Niger he found a lake nearly 100 miles long, and when he extended his excursions he found not only one but 20 lakes, all very large, and stretched far to the north into the very heart of the Sahara.

It is asked, if there be no water, and therefore no vegetation, where does the charcoal come from which is sold by the Tuargues? Where do they find nourishment for the numerous camels, sheep, horses, asses and goats they possess?

### Those Educated Jokes.

The gentle dissipation in which college men are supposed to indulge furnish many a would-be joker with a theme. "Drunk" jokes became so numerous that only recently the edict went forth from the Harvard Lampoon sanctum that they must be veritable masterpieces of humor to receive any consideration from a bored editorial staff. Poker, too, comes to the tolling candidate's aid, and inspired this classic epitaph on a pictured tombstone:

Here Lies the Body of Mary McPord, She raised five and was called by the Lord.

Smoking is not only a favorite pastime but a favorite theme. "My gracious, little boy," says the good old lady to the puffing mucker, "do you smoke cigars?" "No use hintin', lady," replies the clever one, "de butt's promised." This view of woman's smoking is taken:

Helen—Do you think a lady would smoke a cigarette?  
Mae—Not if it's the only one a gentleman has.—K. B. Townsend in the Bohemian.

### Always Man of Determination.

Herr Dernberg of the German colonial office in the early days of his career served an apprenticeship with a New York banking house and at that time made many acquaintances in Wall street. It is said of him that he was one of only two or three out of an office force of 50 who reported for duty the day of the great blizzard 19 years ago. This was suggestive of the determination which helped him much in his later life on advancing him to his present position, to which he was named by the German emperor for the purpose of reducing to order the chaos which had existed in the administration of the German colonies.

### Not in His Line.

"Who discovered steam?" asked the man who is always looking for information.

"Don't know," answered the man who is abnormally chilly, "but I am willing to bet it was not the janitor in our apartment house."—Washington Star.

### At the Dinner Table.

Guest—Why does Huber never say anything?  
Neighbor—Because his wife always declares that two people should not speak at once.

### A La Card.

Miss De Style—How did that "club" sandwich I made taste?  
Miss Gunbusta (sarcastically)—Like the "deuce."



Walking Hoam with a Gurl.



There was a Party at Fatty's last nite—after thee Thing I walked Hoam with Ruth White!

she is thee Purtiest gurl in this Town—mi but her Hair it is Slick—and seel Brown!

she has thee RiPest ReD lips—and her Teeth

they are as White as a pond-lily wreath. I have knot scene any Blue in thee Skies that kin cum up to thee Blue in HER eyes!

there was a Gaim we was playing like this: paying a Forfit by giving a kiss! gee! but mi hart almost gumped from its Frame

when SHE was caught and she called out mi Naim!

There was a Curtain they drew and she sed:

"yew must knot Kiss me," a tossing her hed.

"this is thee Silliest Gaim of thee Day, grant me thee Boon that I ask yew, I pray."

Gee, did yew ever git that close and MISS?

after yewr mouth was awl fixed for a Kiss?

cracky! I didn't know just what 2 say—Gurls are thee Phunniest things anyway!

I felt sed: "Yew are cruel, Miss White; may I walk Hoam with yew, Lady, to-nite?"

"Certainly, sir," was thee Words that she sed

blushing thee purtiest kind of a red!

it was thee Bamiest Air and thee sky it was glist full of them Clouds that go by, there was a Moon very round and quite brite—

it was a B-U-T-I-F-U-L kind of a Nite! "with yewr permission," I sed with alarm taking a Hold of mi fair lady's arm!

I felt so PHUNNY with her bi mi side—we cood keep Step tho—sometimes—when we tride!

we Stroled along very slow through thee Park when I sed, "What was thee reason, Miss White,

yew disapproved of thee Forfits tonite?" she turned away in Confusion and Doubt: "that, Sir," she sed, "is for yew 2 find out!"

Now I am going 2 fool yew this time stopping rite Here at thee End of thee Rime.

I will knot tell yew thee kindness of Fate when I sed yew "Good Night" at thee Gait!

yew would of course like 2 know what BFell—

sum things of Life are 2 SACRED 2 tell! it wood be Fikel 2 kiss her and then blab it around for thee Ears of Course Men.

next thing thee Kids wood make Fun of me 2

so I will knot even tell it 2 yew!

### Invasion.

Someone invaded the sacred precincts of Harlan E. Babcock in the office of the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Gazette and "Bab" tells about it thus:

"We left our typewriter for a short time yesterday afternoon and when we returned we discovered that some idiot had been monkeying with the sacred instrument—evidently practicing—and had left the following spasm on the roller, showing the horrible condition that his or her mind must have been in:

"In the city where the flowers are pretty and yhe flowers are pretty and the lowers bloom nearly all the time in the city where the flowers are pretty and the flowers are pretty and the sun shines nearly all the time in the city where the flowers are pretty and in the city where the flowers are pretty and the sun in the city where the flowers—"

"Now that they have our interest aroused we wish the guilty person would come back and give us the second verse in Esperanto."

"We are studying the new language by mail—Esperanto taught in four lessons for \$1.25, or your money back."

"Vox populoski! tobbie do hoot?" "Probably poor!"

### The Impulsive One.

There was a man in our town, Who wasn't very wise. He thought because the leaves turned brown

That that was all for flies. So when the flies were all about, With all his might and main

He grabbed the screens he'd taken out, And put 'em in again.—Indianapolis News.

And when he had the screens all up— This man who wasn't wise, He soon discovered every room

Was simply full of flies. So he opened wide the outer doors And with all his might and main,

He grabbed a fan in either hand And drove them out again.—Columbus (Ohio) Sun.

He thought a ray of sunshine meant A summer come to stay, So he took off his flannel things

And laid them all away. Laid them away in cedar chests With overcoat and boots:

He's done with them, for angels do Not dress in union suits.—Houston (Tex.) Post.

Before St. Peter's throne he stood And prayed beside the gate, But Gabriel, passing, said to him:

"Your prayers are rather late!" The man still stands outside the fence With pleading hue and cry—

He thought to enter Heaven's gate He merely had to die!

Byron Williams

## PORTRAITS OF KENTUCKY'S GOV- ERNORS FREE, FREE!

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The portraits of Kentucky Governors are grouped around a new map of Kentucky which has just been especially engraved at a cost of \$3,500, and is the latest and best map of Kentucky ever printed. It shows all of the new railroads built in Kentucky in 1907.

In addition to the latest Kentucky map and portraits of Kentucky's Governors, there are nine other maps of great value, among them a map of the United States, showing all of the new possessions, including the Philippines, Hawaii, Porto Rico, and a map of Panama showing the canal zone, also a map of the world.

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It has cost the Evening Post several thousand dollars to secure this collection of Kentucky Governors' portraits, and while the chart alone is worth at least \$1.50, yet we give it away to old subscribers who renew their subscription or to new subscribers. Everybody should have a daily newspaper this year as well as their county paper. This is Presidential year. Call at our office and see this splendid Kentucky Governors' Wall Chart, or send for circular with full description.

### Quilt with a History.

A quilt exhibit at the Canton, Me., fair by Mrs. Carroll L. Hutchinson contains a piece of silk with a history. An ancestor of Mrs. Hutchinson was once threatened with shipwreck. The valuable property of the people in danger was all placed in a cask with a note naming the owners. The silk is a portion of a silk dress which the ancestor in question contributed to the miscellaneous contents of the cask.

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